

# THE COURSE OF EMPIRE

And on the pedestal, these words appear:  
"My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;  
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!"  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away.

~Shelley, *Ozymandias*



*"He makes nations great, and He destroys them; He enlarges nations, and leads them away. He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man." — Job 12:23-25 (ESV)*

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, AD 2022

# The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-seventh Day of November, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



We continue our exhaustive examination of the **Doctrine of Divine Election**—a key issue which will inevitably shape one's basic perspectives concerning God, Man, and Salvation.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"God of our Fathers"* (#547, v. I).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* (#20).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: *Daniel 5:1-8; 13; 17-31.*

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* (#52).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (#37).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"The State of the Nation: AD 2022 (Part II)."*

Closing Hymn:\* *"Jesus Never Fails"* (#252).

Benediction.\*

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*\*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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## Week of Nov. 20 - Nov. 26

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—11

Midweek Prayer—4; Church Offering—\$584.<sup>60</sup>

Sunday Evening Threefold Communion—11

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## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We resume our studies on Belshazzar's Feast of Folly (**Dan. 5**).

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our CEF sponsored Christmas Party for children ages Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be on **Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:00-11:30 AM**.

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## Today's Verse for Reflection:

"The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted."—Psalm 46:6 (ASV)

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## Dr. Franklin's Wise Counsel on the Rise & Fall of Empires

*"I've lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing Proofs I see of this Truth — That God governs in the Affairs of Men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his Notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without his Aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the House they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, — and I also believe that without his concurring Aid, we shall succeed in this political Building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our Projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a Reproach and Bye word down to future Ages."*

— Benjamin Franklin, at the Constitutional Convention, AD 1787

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NOTE: There are extra copies in the vestibule of the Pastor's written study on *The Fate of Empires*, which was composed with reference to today's message.

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Please let us know **TODAY** if you plan to go to the Camp Banquet (Dec. 1).

# AFRICA UPDATE

**From: Pastor Keith Merriman**  
(keithamerriman1998@gmail.com)

**Nov. 15, 2022**

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Pastor Salomon will be leaving tomorrow for Central Africa Republic as he has received an invitation to go and meet our brethren in that country. This will be our first contact in years with the brethren in CAR. Salomon is scheduled to return to Cameroon on November 24th. He will be teaching Brethren Beliefs and Practices to about 30 pastors there and has scheduled a meeting with about 2000 (that is right 2000) of the brothers and sisters there to tell them about the CGBCI. Please pray for good health, journey mercies and wisdom and strength for the journey and that we will be able to renew our fellowship with the brethren in CAR.

Thanks once again for all your gifts and prayers,  
God bless all of you, Pastor Keith



**Nov. 22, 2022**

Dear beloved brethren,

I just spoke with Pastor Salomon. He is in Bangui in Central African Republic. The airline lost all of his luggage last week and said he would have it back by Sunday but it never arrived. Please pray he will receive his luggage before he leaves to go home to Cameroon on Thursday. Please also pray for his health and safety. I will send an update on his ministry in CAR when he returns and sends me the report.

God bless, Keith



**Nov. 23, 2022**

Dear beloved brethren,

Praise the Lord—Salomon's bag just came! Thanks for your prayers. Again pray for health and safety as he flies home tomorrow.

God bless, Keith